

THE AGING CROESUS.

Probably the vice of envy is aroused in more hearts by the career and personality of J. Pierpont Morgan than by those of any other living man. In these days kings and presidents are not much envied. Their discomforts are too many, their range of individual freedom is too narrow, the sunlight in which they move, deepens the shadows where the assassin lurks. A king is a guarded treasure in a gilded fortress. But an American citizen, master of the money that confers more power than a scepter and buys the liberty a sovereign may never enjoy and commands luxuries which the impoverished treasures of the old world may not afford to give their figureheads of state—here is one to be envied by kings themselves.

On the surface of things, as the world judges, Mr. Morgan ought to be a happy man. As a financier he has greater resources and is more widely known than the Rothschilds. His is the Midas touch. Such vast capital is at his command that he can assume the debts of kingdoms and enter, with confidence, upon a plan to merge, under his control, the merchant navies of the world. When he travels the private car and the private steamer are his; and his hosts are ambassadors who have reigning princes for their other guests. Is there an almost priceless painting for sale in any market? J. P. Morgan buys it. Is there a library of rarest books to be had for money? J. P. Morgan's purse is ready for it. Whatever his fancy reaches out to, which money can buy, is his. The question is does he get happiness and contentment with it all?

At one of the ancient feasts, in the thick of the revel, a skeleton was always shown. It was the dread reminder of mortality. It taught the merry-makers that each one must one day be like that. Stalking into all the pleasures of the American Croesus must be the specter of tomorrow's doom. Morgan is an aging man, and his grave is not far off. What good is power if it is certain to be lost so soon? What comfort does the piling up of money bring when, by another day, it may be scattered by unkind hands? The stately library is not to be long for its owner's eye, and he cannot tell, even after he has made his will, what may become of it. The noble works of art will go, the great combinations of business break in pieces—and the rest is silence and the ultimate forgetfulness of man. Vanity, vanity, all is vanity, said the Psalmist.

The true picture of the aging rich man is not that of one who stands, as on a pedestal, his lips phrasing the jubilant boast: "An hundred millions and the world is mine." It is rather that of a white-haired patriarch, sitting on the crumbling edges of his own grave, wearing purple, perhaps, and jewels, but envying the barefooted lad who goes whistling by the graveyard with the world before him. J. P. Morgan today would be willing to give that boy his bank account and his tapestries and Cartons and private yachts, in return for the lad's chances of living seventy years. He would give a fortune for every year he could buy. Yet, in the midst of all his treasure, the knowledge haunts him that no money can buy a minute of time from the Destiny which, with its final summons, is almost at the gate.

Old President Krueger refuses to accept the results of the Boer war and has, it is said, quarreled over them with Dr. Leyds. Living comfortably at a European hotel, taking life which is made easy by abundant pecuniary resources, Oom Paul sees no necessity of giving up the fight. But the men who have been living on the velvet for three years and more, fighting for their lives with diminishing energy and increasing odds, have another point of view. They have done all that brave men can do and have honorably surrendered. Had Oom Paul been with them his voice would have been heard in the decision of any new policy, but from his arm chair in a hotel drawing room at The Hague, he could hardly hope to speak the decisive word in settling a matter of life and death to fighting men thousands of miles away.

Every government has a secret service fund which the authorities use as they please in the public interests. It is to be presumed that the late military government of Cuba employed such resources in encouraging, through the mailing of documents, a sentiment in favor of Cuban reciprocity. If so, a question of judgment may arise but not one of official integrity. Governor General Wood got none of the coin nor would he have been personally benefited by the success of the sugar propaganda.

The arrangements for the Fourth are such as to assure a general celebration. On Oahu there will be sports, parades, fireworks and oratory; and on the big island Prof. Lyons has programmed a volcanic outburst which ought to light up all Polynesia. Where the volcano falls short of hot air the orator of the day at Hilo, Col. Tom Fitch, will make up for it. On the whole the coming Fourth will probably set the pace for all future ones.

Since the precinct elections, the name of Mark Robinson has been increasingly heard on the lips of people who are looking for a Republican that can be elected to Congress.

EXCLUDING THE PRESS.

It is difficult to understand on any public grounds why the Board of Health decided to cut out the annual call of the press at the Leger Settlement. The rule that the press should be represented there on the occasion of the Board's formal visit was made years ago so that the public, unable to see for itself how its money was being spent at Molokai, could get impartial data from the newspapers. As a general thing the visits of the press have been productive of good. Two years ago, for example, the reporters discovered that segregation had too many loopholes; that uninfected people were permitted to go to Molokai and literally clasp contagion to their bosoms and press it to their lips. The outcry raised in the dailies over this strange proceeding led to the very practical reform which, on visitors' day at the Settlement, separates the clean from the unclean by the medium of bars and netting.

Just now there are several things which need looking into at the Settlement. Sloggett's juggling with the tuatua remedy is one; the Nathaniel case is another; the general jail administration is a third. But when the time approaches for the press, representing the people whose money keeps the Settlement going, to look over the ground and report on what it sees, the Board of Health rises as one Sloggett and tells it to keep out. No reason is given; the Board simply utters its fiat, leaving the taxpayers to wonder what it intends to do at Molokai or what has already occurred there, which it is ashamed to have reported in the papers.

The reasons of the Board must be very poignant indeed when one considers how often and how successfully that body has impudently pressed during the past year to aid it in the more delicate phases of its work. It was Good Lord to the press then and presumably will be again. But if the Board of Health should find the papers somewhat oblivious to its future urgencies it will know the reason why by referring back to its unprecedented and arbitrary course in regard to the privilege which the taxpayers had previously enjoyed, through their newspapers, of knowing, at least once a year, how one of their delegated public trusts was being administered.

Hawaii on many accounts would prefer a Nicaragua to a Panama canal. The Panama fever is not a nice thing to import; the way around is longer by the Southern route and the belt of calms begins there. But on the principle of any canal being better than none, a Panama ditch would be welcomed as heartily here as in any of the various Pacific ports that hope to prosper by quick inter-oceanic communication.

The U. S. S. Mohican is not a fast vessel, and like all training ships she depends principally on her sail power. Southerly weather has, in Admiral Merry's opinion, kept her back. As there have been no indications of a big storm it is not likely that she has got into trouble. One theory of her long trip is that she has found the Fannie Kerr and is bringing her into port.

The Independent wants to know why several hundred Fourth of July invitations were withdrawn from the mails. One reason is that the printer's spelling needed correction; the other that the typography looked as if the job had been set up with bullets and printed on a cider press. There may be other reasons, but the ones given will strike the average man as enough.

Mr. Wilcox's assurances of what Congress will do with his lame duck bills at the next session are couched in the same emphatic phrases which he used, some months ago, in forecasting its approval of them at this session.

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF INTENTION OF FORECLOSURE AND OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage dated May 11th, 1901, made by Grace A. Brown, wife of James Brown of Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, as mortgagor, of the first part, the said James Brown of the second part and John M. Dowsett, Trustee, as mortgagee of the third part, and recorded in the Hawaiian Registry of Conveyances in Liber 221 on pages 380-382, the mortgagee intends to foreclose the said mortgage for condition broken, to wit, the non-payment of interest when due. Notice is likewise given that the property conveyed by the said mortgage will be sold at public auction at the auction rooms of James F. Morgan, Queen street, Honolulu, on Saturday, the 26th day of July, 1902, at twelve o'clock noon.

The property covered by said mortgage consists of:

- (1) All that lot, piece or parcel of land containing an area of 7345 square feet situated on Young street at Kulakabua, Honolulu, and comprising all the land mentioned and described in Royal Patent (Grant) 3454, issued to Grace A. Dodd.
- (2) All that lot, piece or parcel of land containing an area of 7140 square feet situated on Young street, Kulakabua, Honolulu, and comprising all the land mentioned and described in Royal Patent (Grant) 3573, issued to Grace A. Dodd.

Together with all the rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

J. M. DOWSETT, Trustee, Mortgagee.

Terms: Cash, United States gold coin; deeds at expense of purchaser. For further particulars apply to Holmes and Stanley, attorneys for mortgagee.

Dated Honolulu, July 2nd, 1902. 6211-2238

CARD OF THANKS.

MR. AND MRS. F. D. WICKE AND family wish to express their gratitude for the kind sympathy and many floral remembrances in their late bereavement.

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MANILA PAPERS PRAISE DR. AMESSE

Dr. Amesse, who was formerly attached to the staff of Dr. Cofer of the U. S. Quarantine Service, and was on duty at this port for nearly a year, is now doing excellent service in Manila. The following notice of the doctor appeared in a recent number of a Manila paper: "No medical officer in the Philippine Islands is entitled to as much of the credit for keeping the cholera down as is Dr. Amesse of the Maritime Quarantine Service. He has been working night and day since the disease made its appearance, and has had as high as sixty vessels and one thousand persons in quarantine at a time."

The Sealing Industry.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 21.—The Victoria Sealers' Association has decided to accede to the request of the Indian seal hunters for an advance from \$4 to \$6 for each skin taken by canoes sealing from the companies' schooners. Even at this price the Indians are holding off, apparently having been frightened by the storms of last season and the loss of the schooner Hatzic with an Indian crew.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the copartnership heretofore existing under the name of Hop Kee Company, composed of Ah Pon, Ah Moo and Yee One, all of Koloa, Island of Kauai, has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors to E. E. Conant, of Koloa, Island of Kauai, to whom all debts due and owing said firm must be paid. All parties having claims against the said Hop Kee Company are requested to file the same with the undersigned within thirty days from the date hereof.

Dated Koloa, Kauai, June 7th, 1902. E. E. CONANT, Assignee of Hop Kee Company. 6190

NOTICE.

REPUBLICAN PRECINCT CLUBS, FOURTH DISTRICT.

THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES allotted to each precinct, according to the representation established by the rules, is as follows:

Precinct.	No. Delegates to District	No. Delegates to Convention.
1	8	4
2	19	9
3	3	1
4	14	7
5	6	3
6	4	2
7	1	1
	55	27

CLARENCE CRABBE, Chairman Fourth District Committee, W. H. CONEY, Secretary. 6208

NOTICE

FRED PHILP & BRO. BEG TO Notify their patrons and the public that they have purchased the stock in trade and good will of the Manufacturing Harness Co. and will continue their business at the old stand, corner of King and Fort streets, where they will be pleased to see old friends as well as new ones. All work entrusted to them will receive personal attention, and all goods sold will be guaranteed as represented. They will also continue at their present stand in the Wright building, No. 629 King street, Telephone 2651 Blue, P. O. Box 133.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

SHIPPERS OF FREIGHT BY steamers of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., are hereby notified that a new form of shipping receipt has been adopted by the company to go into effect at once. Freight will be accepted, however, on the old form of receipt up to October 1st, 1902, after which date freight will be received only on the new form of receipt, a copy of which can be seen at the office of the Company, Queen street. INTER-ISLAND STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD. J. ENA, President. 6191

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

CALIFORNIA SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANY, corner California and Montgomery streets.—For the six months ending June 30, 1902, dividends have been declared on deposits in the saving department of this company as follows: On term deposits at the rate of 2 1/2 to 6 per cent per annum, and on ordinary deposits at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, free of taxes and payable on and after Tuesday, July 1, 1902. Dividends uncalled for are added to the principal after July 1, 1902.

J. DALZELL BROWN, Manager. 6203

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

ON AND AFTER THIS DATE bills of lading will be issued by this company, instead of shipping receipts as heretofore. Freight will be received under the old form of shipping receipt up to October 1st, 1902, but after that date the bill of lading only will be accepted. WILDER'S STEAMSHIP COMPANY, C. L. WIGHT, President. Honolulu, June 10th, 1902. 6192

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

THE GERMAN SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY, 525 California street.—For the half-year ending with June 30, 1902, a dividend has been declared at the rate of three (3) per cent per annum on all deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Tuesday, July 1, 1902.

GEORGE TOURNY, Secretary. 6204

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SCOTTISH PICNIC ON JULY 4th.

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